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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SUBSPECIES OF *STENOPSIS CAYENNENSIS* FROM CURAÇAO.*

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The Goatsucker described below was presented to the U. S. National Museum by Capt. Wirt Robinson, U. S. A., who obtained it on the Island of Curaçao, in June, 1900.

Birds of the genus *Stenopsis* have been previously reported from Curaçao by Messrs. Peters† and Hartert,‡ but in each case the collector obtained only females, which Hartert was unable to separate from *S. cayennensis*. Capt. Robinson's specimen is a male, in fresh plumage, and may be described as follows:

***Stenopsis cayennensis insularis* new subspecies.**

Type.—Adult male, No. 175,245, U. S. National Museum, Curaçao, June 30, 1900, Capt. Wirt Robinson, U. S. A. (collector's No. 1446). Upper parts, pale drab gray, somewhat lighter on head, all of the feathers finely vermiculated with buff, brown, or black; feathers of median part of head with broad black centers, edged with pale cinnamon; scapulars, black, the inner webs mottled with rufous, the outer

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†Journ. für Orn., 1892, 87.

‡Ibis, 1893, 319.

webs with buff; feathers of rump and upper tail-coverts with black shaft streaks, the latter with indications of black cross-bars; nape, pale cinnamon; wing-coverts and tertiaries similar in color to the back, the former spotted with buff and pale cinnamon; primary coverts, clove brown, with Mars brown markings on outer webs. Chin, throat, abdomen, and narrow line on forehead, white; lores, a narrow line over and under eye, ear-coverts, and sides of neck, pale cinnamon, with black and white markings; a patch of feathers on sides of throat, cinnamon, tipped with black; breast and sides of body, pale cinnamon, mixed with white and more or less barred and mottled with black; under wing-coverts, Mars brown, mottled with black, the innermost feathers, and axillaries, white. Under tail-coverts, deep brownish buff; middle tail feathers, drab gray, with fine dusky vermiculations and crossed by about nine irregular blackish bars; next three pairs of feathers mainly blackish on outer webs and tips (basal third mottled with pale cinnamon and black), inner webs white, with an oblique black bar near the middle of the feather; outer pair of feathers white, with an oblique black bar on the inner webs, and a small mottled patch at tip. Outer primaries, clove brown, with a grayish shade on outer webs and tips; a broad white bar across the four outer feathers; inner primaries, clove brown, with Mars brown markings on the outer webs; secondaries, blackish, with white tips, tinged with pale cinnamon on the innermost; outer webs mottled with Mars brown. Wing feathers at base, white, mottled with pale cinnamon. Wing, 130 mm.; tail, 113 mm.; tarsus, 18 mm.; culmen, 12 mm.

This subspecies is closely related to *S. cayennensis*, but is smaller and paler, of clearer color, with darker under tail-coverts.